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Serial No.: 10/655,350 : Examiner: Stouffer, Kelly M.

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For **REPLACEABLE PLATE EXPANDED THERMAL PLASMA APPARATUS
AND METHOD**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2006, please consider the following remarks and amendments to the referenced application. Claims 1, 3-30 and 41 are currently pending in the application. Claims 19 - 30 and 41 were previously withdrawn. Claims 2 and 31-40 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 14 have been amended. Claims 1, and 3-18 are currently under examination. This response was due by December 20, 2006 and a two month extension of time is hereby requested. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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